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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV GUEST WORKERS IN GERMANY

REF : BELGRADE 0033

1. GERMAN EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE GAVE US RUNDOWN OF FRG-YUGOSLAV LABOR TALKS HELD IN BELGRADE JANUARY 7-10. GERMANS REPORTEDLEY PRESENTED FAIRLY OPTIMISTIC PICTURE OF MIGRANT EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS IN FRG DURING 1974.

2. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, MIGRANT LABOR UNEMPLOYMENT IN FRG PRESENTLY ONLY 30,000 OF 485,000 UNEMPLOYED. TOTAL YUGOSLAV UNEMPLOYMENT ESTIMATED AT BETWEEN 7,000-8,000. THESE UNEMPLOYED ARE DRAWING BENEFITS IN FRG. THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BE AVAILABLE FOR SUMMONS FROM FRG EMPLOYMENT BUREAU WHEN SUITABLE JOB OPENING COMES UP. TO DATE, THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTICEABLE REFLUX OF UNEMPLOYED YUGOSLAV WORKERS FROM FRG.

3. FRG DELEGATION TOLD YUGOSLAVS THAT BAN ON HIRING FOREIGN WORKERS WILL PROBABLY BE LIFTED SOMETIME IN LATE 1974. THIS ESTIMATE  
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REPORTEDLY BASED ON FORECAST THAT WHILE UNEMPLOYMENT MAY RISE STILL

FURTHER IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION WILL EASE BY SPRING. OPTIMISTIC FORECAST IS BASED ON GERMAN EXPECTATION THAT OIL SUPPLY PROBLEM WILL CONTINUE TO EASE IN COMING MONTHS.

4. OVER LONG-TERM, GERMANS TOLD YUGOSLAVS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO KEEP PRESENT YUGOSLAV 'GASTARBEITER' POPULATION STABLE AS APPROXIMATELY 500,000, WITH ANNUAL TURNOVER OF TEN PERCENT. THIS IS IN BASIC ACCORD WITH YUGOSLAV AIM OF STABILIZING OVERALL MIGRANT WORKER LEVEL AT APPROXIMATELY ONE MILLION WITH ORDERLY RATES OF DEPARTURE AND RETURN. FRG DELEGATION ALSO TOLD YUGOSLAVS THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO HAVING NEW MIGRANT WORKERS SIGN DECLARATION BEFORE LEAVING THAT WOULD LIMIT THEIR STAY IN FRG TO SPECIFIED PERIOD (MAXIMUM OF FIVE YEARS). THIS ROTATION POLICY REPORTEDLY MEETING OPPOSITION FROM EMPLOYERS IN FRG. YUGOSLAVS SUPPORT ROTATION PRINCIPLE.

5. NEXT HIGH-LEVEL FRG-YUGOSLAV CONSULTATION WILL TAKE PLACE IN MARCH WITH VISIT BY FRG EMPLOYMENT BUREAU DIRECTOR GENERAL STINGL TO BELGRADE.  
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